

# KRAB KRONICLE

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**Spiritual visitor**  
(Chap.) Lt. Col. Joseph Vu, left, 506th Air Expeditionary Group chaplain, speaks with (Chap.) Maj. Gen. Lorraine Potter, chief, Air Force Chaplain Service, during a tour of Kirkuk City Monday. This was the first time Potter visited Kirkuk AB.

## *Volunteers help bring schools up to standards*

**By Tech. Sgt. Mark Getsy**

506th Air Expeditionary Group Public Affairs

Schools in Kirkuk, Iraq, are still a week away from opening, but smiling children are already climbing the gates, eagerly waiting for the first day of class. Why? Because Air Force and Army volunteers have extended a helping hand so these children can further their education in modernized facilities.

Members of the Air Force's 506th Expeditionary Civil

Engineering Squadron at Kirkuk Air Base and the Army's Battle Company, 2nd Battalion, 503rd Airborne have teamed up to renovate two schools in the local area.

The first school, a model for the rest of the Kirkuk schools, is scheduled to open for class Oct. 1.

"We adopted the schools because they were close to our safe houses," said Army 1st Sgt. Richard Weik, project officer from the Battalion Company. "The first thing we

*See "Schools" on page 4*

# Remembering those who made sacrifices

By Gen. Greg Martin  
*Air Force Materiel Command  
commander*

Numbering more than 93,000 and dating to the first world war, they came from different states, walks of life and social status. Despite their differences, they were sworn to the same cause - freedom- and suffered the same fate.

You can find their names listed in the Defense Department's Prisoner of

War - Missing in Action files. They are the soldiers, sailors, airmen, Marines, Reservists and Guardsmen who gallantly went into harm's way and have yet to come home.

I don't know these men and women personally. I do know these warriors are listed as missing in action from World War I, World War II, the Korean War, and other conflicts where U.S. service members were involved.

Many made the ultimate sacrifice in

those conflicts and others were captured and taken as POWs.

Some of them have been scarred for life. Others may have come home with less permanent trauma.

But for the those whose remains have not been returned or are unaccounted for, the situation is worse.

It is my hope and prayer that all those still missing will someday be accounted for. Until that day comes, let us not forget.

## *Always wear your uniform with pride at Kirkuk*

By Master Sgt. Shawn Thorne  
*506th Expeditionary Services Squadron*

Wearing your uniform everyday with pride and according to dress and appearance standards is something all military members should do regardless of their rank or location.

Yes, uniform standards are also applicable at deployed locations.

It means we just don't throw on our uniform haphazardly and report for duty. We are what American people and our allies see and determine our Air Force to be.

It's easy to let dress and appearance slide while trying to accomplish and focus on the mission when deployed. Some people might consider dress and appearance as irrelevant and unnecessary; but experienced military people know it's the little things that mean the difference between mission accomplishment and failure.

Most Air Force members I have encountered are true professionals who proudly wear their uniforms on a daily basis. However sometimes people aren't aware, forget or just aren't with the program; that's when it's everyone's responsibility from the highest ranking officer to the lowest rank-

ing airmen to identify discrepancies to the individuals when you see them so they can take corrective action.

Many companies throughout the civilian sector provide uniforms and require their employees to wear them properly. As Air Force members we should wear our uniforms with pride because we choose to, not because we are told to.

Always make sure you wear the correct uniform items indoor and outdoors, blouse, pants, boots, buttons, etc. and of course your cap or floppy which is often overlooked.

Base policy states there is only one way to wear a floppy hat: floppy. Its purpose is to protect your ears and face from the harsh sun.

There shouldn't be any Aussie or "cowboy" styles worn, because we are not Australian and this is not the old west, although it may seem like it at times.

We are Air Force members so remember what your uniform stands for when you get dressed each morning and the many sacrifices that were made by airmen who wore it in the past.

Each one of you is a part of a unique organization that represents the greatest in the world. So stand tall, wear your uniform proudly and correctly.



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## News briefs

### Soccer game

A combined team of U.S. Air Force, Army and coalition forces will face off against a soccer team comprised of Assyrians (Turkish, Kurds, Arabs and Assyrians) at 6 p.m. today at the soccer field near the fitness center.

### CD/DVD giveaway

The Kirkuk Top Three Association is selling tickets for a chance to win a portable compact disc or digital video disc player. The drawing for both prizes will be Tuesday at 7:15 a.m. Tickets can be purchased from any Top 3 official.

### AAFES facilities open

An alterations shop, barber shop and gift shop are now located next to the base exchange.

The alterations shop can make nametags, sewing and pants adjustments. The gift shop has unique souvenirs for sale.

Each shop is open seven days a week from 9 a.m. to 7 p.m.

### AFESR wear

All KRAB members are authorized to wear the Air Force Expeditionary Service Ribbon upon completion of this deployment. The AFESR is awarded to all Air Force active duty, reserve, and guard personnel credited with completion of a contingency deployment (either 45 consecutive days or 90 nonconsecutive days in deployed status) after Oct. 1, 1999. Members should retain copies of AEF deployment orders, travel vouchers, and/or earned decoration citations in order to validate their deployment status. The ribbon will be available at the Army and Air Force Exchange Service around November.

### Pax, cargo info online

Passenger and cargo information is now available on-line. TMO customers can now gain access to cargo shipping requests, travel tips and useful web links. Log onto <http://www.krab.aor-centaf.af.mil/506AEG/ELRS/tmo.asp>.

### Arabic language class

The Arabic Language class will resume at the Chapel Tent beginning Sunday. Classes are taught Sunday through Wednesday.

The classes are broken into four groups, which meet two times a week. For more information and class times, call 460-0806.

### Rising Four meeting

The Rising Four, a group comprised of Air Force, Army and other junior enlisted members, will meet Tuesday at 8:15 a.m. in the Cantina.

### Football pick'ems

The Cantina offers a chance for people to show their football expertise during the weekly football pick'ems contest. The people who pick the most winners correct win prizes.

Score sheets are available at the Cantina and fitness centers and must be turned in one day prior to game time.



Photo by Staff Sgt. James A. Williams

### Air assistance

Staff Sgt. Mitch Yang from Det. 1, 4th Air Support Operations Group, communicates with an F-16 pilot during a convoy in northern Iraq Sept. 18. Yang was tasked with providing close air support for the convoy due to a rise in the number of attacks against coalition forces in northern Iraq.



## SCHOOL

(From page 1)

was go around and assess the electrical and plumbing situation. It was a mess.”

The Army called in the Air Force electricians to help get the school ready for business.

According to Tech. Sgt. Jack Vollriede, an electrician for the 506th, the Air Force was already in the area working on the Army safe houses when they heard about the project.

“The Army asked us if we would check out the electrical work being done at the school,” said Vollriede. “I saw the work needing to be done was similar to what I do in my civilian job back home so I asked others in my shop to volunteer and help out with the project.”

Since mid-September, more than 10 electricians have been working daily to get the schools up and running. Vollriede said its hard at times to find the right parts, but the team has managed to accomplish a great deal in such a short period of time.

“We have completed five electrical service panel replacements, installed emergency lighting, fixed all the interior lighting and even fixed the school bell,” said Vollriede. “We are now working on installing grounded outlets for computers in all the classrooms and offices.”

According to Army Sgt. 1st Class Edwin Gorgas, project officer for the second school, the renovations are only



Photo by Tech. Sgt. Charlein Sheets

### Vollriede checks out a light fixture at the renovated school.

in the beginning stages, but it’s a great improvement from what they initially saw.

“When we got here, the doors were ripped out, only two lights worked and the bathrooms were disgusting, to put it nicely,” said Gorgas. “We’re hoping to have all the doors replaced, the plumbing fixed and all the lights working before school starts. Then our goal is to build a courtyard, cafeteria, teacher’s lounge and a library.”

Vollriede added that the help going into the schools extends all the way back to the United States. He said children back home are writing letters to wish the Iraqi children good luck on the rebuilding of the schools and many vendors and organizations are sending school sup-

plies.

An Internet site was set up for people to send donations. The site is located at [WeCarePackage@aol.com](mailto:WeCarePackage@aol.com).

“There’s already eight schools in Illinois donating items and the number is growing,” said Vollriede. “We also have the Amvets sending care packages and local stores are sending supplies. Anything people can send will help out this good cause.”

Weik said working in the schools and helping out the children is a good stress reliever.

“There’s times we’re in a firefight or something earlier in the day,” he said. “It always feels good to come here afterward and be able to do something for the children.”

The rest of the volunteers agree that no matter how much work goes into it, the project is definitely worthwhile.

“It’s great doing this for the kids,” said Vollriede. “Looking at the big picture, we are shaping the future of an entire community.”

Tech. Sgt. Patrick Grisez, another volunteer electrician, said he wouldn’t have passed up the opportunity for anything.

“This is what makes coming here (Iraq) worthwhile,” he said. “We’re hoping we get the chance to do more things like this to help them out.”

## Holiday greetings team visits Kirkuk

By Senior Airman Lee S. Smith  
Editor

KRAB residents will have a chance to record a holiday greeting when the Army and Air Force Hometown News Service visits the base.

The team annually travels overseas to record greetings of military members before sending them to television stations to broadcast during the holiday season.

The filming on base will be held next to the Cantina. The team will also visit Army personnel operating outside the base in Kirkuk City.

Tech. Sgt. Mark Getsy, project officer for the holiday greeting program, said that although many people are expected to be home when the spots are aired, the response has been overwhelming.

“We have had more than 200 Air Force members sign up so far, and that is not counting the folks from the Army,” Getsy said. “This is a great opportunity for people to wish their friends and loved ones a happy holiday season.”

The team is expected to arrive Monday.

For more information on the program, call the public affairs office at 460-0086 or 460-0131.

# Preventing disease from mosquitoes, fly bites

**By Col. Douglas Bolda**  
*506th Air Expeditionary  
 Group Surgeon General*

Many threats exist in a combat zone. Some like RPGs and mortar fire seem very real while others don't seem like much of a threat at all.

For example mosquitoes and sand flies may seem more a nuisance than a threat. Perhaps at home they are, but here in Iraq mosquitoes and sand flies are a very real threat to your health.

Mosquitoes throughout Iraq can carry malaria, and the highest malaria risk area is the northern portion including Kirkuk. Malaria a serious parasitic disease worldwide kills a million people per year. Sand flies can carry leishmaniasis, another serious parasitic disease that can cause potentially fatal internal disease and skin disease. On the skin at the site of the bite, sores form one to six months after the bite. These can remain for over one year and heal with scarring. Since bites typically occur on exposed skin, scarring about the face can be disfiguring, and scarring about the hands can cause loss of function. There is no good treatment for leishmaniasis. All it takes is one bite from an infected insect.

In Iraq, the main insect borne disease season starts in April and continues through November with a peak season from September through November. Historically most military casualties are due to disease rather than combat. So far leishmaniasis cases have been confirmed in fourteen war on terror service members.

The first and best line of defense is barriers and repellants. These include: permethrin treated uniforms, DEET application on exposed skin, proper uniform wear (trousers in boots, sleeves down, hat on), and proper use of permethrin treated mosquito bed netting. Mosquito bed netting must be permethrin treated to stop the sand flies.

The second line of defense is anti malaria medication. Everyone here should be taking either: Doxycycline (one daily) or Mefloquine or Chloroquine (one weekly). All must be continued for 28 days after leaving the malaria risk area. During those 28 days Primaquine, another medication, is taken for 14 daily doses.

If not already issued, obtain Primaquine at a medical treatment facility soon after leaving the malaria risk

area. Individuals with deficiency of the G6PD enzyme may be advised by their physician not to take Primaquine. Although effective against malaria when taken as prescribed, unfortunately anti malaria medication does not prevent leishmaniasis.

Avoidance of insects also decreases disease risk. Stay inside if possible at night during the peak hours of insect activity. Air conditioning in tents significantly decreases the number of sand flies but does not eliminate them completely. Clean up to keep rodents down and stay away from dogs, because the sand fly gets the parasite from rodents and dogs.

More detailed information is available on the Kirkuk AB Intranet home page in the pull down menu link titled "BUG SEASON".

It has detailed instructions on application of permethrin, DEET, mosquito bed netting, anti malaria medications, and links to more information. Materials are available through normal supply.

Be smart and protect yourself as much as possible from the insect threat here in the AOR. For more information, call Public Health at 460-0820.

## Warrior of the Week

**Airman 1st Class  
 William Handy**  
**506th Expeditionary  
 Logistics Readiness  
 Squadron**  
**Home station:** Pope  
 AFB, N.C.  
**Arrived in the AOR:**  
 July 13  
**Family:** Shelia and Eric  
 Donahue  
**How do you contribute  
 to the mission of the  
 506th AEG?**

I helped establish the first  
 material control at Kirkuk  
 Air Base.  
**What is your favorite  
 aspect of this deploy-  
 ment?**  
 Returning home.  
**Besides your family,  
 what do you miss  
 most about the states?**  
 My truck  
**What food do you  
 miss the most?**  
 Cereal.



Photo by Senior Airman Lee S. Smith



# KRAB hosts first Combat Dining In in Iraq



Photos by Tech. Sgt. Charlein Sheets

**Participants of the Combat Dining-In obstacle course scale the wall. The wall was designed by members of the Army's 173rd Airborne Brigade.**



**The respective sergeants at arms present their weapons to Army Col. William Mayville, top left, 173rd Airborne Brigade commander, and Col. James Callahan, 506th Air Expeditionary Group commander.**

The first ever combat dining-in on Iraqi soil was held Saturday and Sunday. A combat dining-in includes traditional military customs and courtesies of a dining in, as well as rules for when participants do not follow rules, such as having to take a drink from the "Grog Bowl". More than 600 people from the base attended each day.



**At the end of the dining-in the combat ensued as the participants waged war against each other with water, food and more water.**

## Scores and more

### MLB pennant races

(as of Thursday)

A.L. Wild Card				
Team	W	L	GB	Left
BOS	93	65	-	4
SEA	90	69	3.5	3
National League				
Central				
CHC	85	72	-	5
HOU	85	73	.5	4
N.L. Wild Card				
FLA	84	67	-	5
PHI	83	69	2	5
HOU	82	70	3	4
LA	80	69	3.5	6

The regular season ends Sunday. If two teams are tied after Sunday, a one game playoff will be played Monday. The divisional playoffs will begin Tuesday.

### NFL standings

(as of Thursday)

AFC	
East	
MIA 2-1, BUF 2-1, N.E. 2-1, NYJ 0-3	
North	
PIT 2-1, BAL 2-1, CLE 1-2, CIN 0-3	
South	
IND 3-0, HOU 1-2, TEN 1-2, JAX 0-3	
West	
DEN 3-0, KC 3-0, OAK 1-2, SD 0-3	
NFC	
EAST	
WAS2-1, NYG 2-1, DAL 1-1, PHI 0-2	
North	
MIN 3-0, GB 1-2, DET 1-2, CHI 0-3	
South	
CAR 2-0, TB 2-1, ATL 1-2, NO 1-2	
West	
SEA 3-0, STL 1-2, SF 1-2, ARI 0-3	

### In other headlines...

**NBA ...** Allen Iverson signed a deal to stay with the Philadelphia 76ers through 2008.

**U.S. Amateur Baseball ...** Expos manager Frank Robinson was named to manage the U.S. team that will try to qualify for the 2004 Olympic Games in Athens.

## Chapel Schedule

### Friday

5 a.m., 7 p.m. -- Islamic prayer

7 p.m. -- Catholic Mass

### Sunday

8 a.m. -- Gospel Service

9 a.m. -- Catholic Mass (Sky Soldier chapel)

10 a.m. -- General Protestant

11:30 a.m. -- Catholic Mass

1 p.m. -- Latter-Day Saints

2 p.m. -- Catholic Mass

(Sky Soldiers Chapel)

7 p.m. -- Protestant Service

### Tuesday

6:30 p.m. Growing as a Christian: Studying the Book of James

### Wednesday

8 a.m. -- The Bible in Light of Current History and Local Events

5:30 p.m. -- Building Your Faith: Studying the Book of Hebrews

### Friday

9 a.m. Catholic Mass (Sky Soldier chapel)

*All services are held at the Ten Days From Tomorrow Chapel unless otherwise noted. Times subject to change. Jewish, Muslim, Buddhist and others should contact chapel administration for updates of their religious requirements and support.*

## KRAB Intramural standings, schedules

### SOFTBALL Playoffs

ACS	Engineers
Engineers	
A-10s	A-10s
1/63rd	
501st FSC	HHC 173
HHC 173rd	
173rd ABG	
506th ESVS	
173rd CSC	
1/63rd AR	
501st FSC	
TBA	

*The championship game is Wednesday at 5:30 p.m. If necessary, a second game will played at 6:30 p.m.*

### FOOTBALL Standings as of Wednesday

AFC			
Team	W	L	Pct.
173rd HHC	1	0	1.000
Warriors	1	0	1.000
1/508th ABN	1	0	1.000
Yard Dogs	0	0	.0000
Blacksheep B.	0	0	.000
506th ESFS	0	0	.000
173rd CSC	0	0	.000
223rd ENG BN	0	0	.000
Chosen Few	0	0	.000
Able Warlords	0	1	.000
506th ECES #1	0	1	.000
506th ECS	0	0	.000
NFC			
Staffers	1	0	1.000
506th ESVS	1	0	1.000
Huron #2	1	0	1.000
B Co. 2/2 INF	0	0	.000
No Mercy	0	0	.000
2/15 Far, 10th MTN	0	0	.000
506th ECES #2	0	0	.000
Outlawz	0	1	.000
728th EACS	0	1	.000
D Batt, 315 AFAR	0	1	.000

## Explosive ordnance disposal item of the week

**RKG – Three-hand and Grenade** – These are hand-thrown, parachute-stabilized, explosive antitank grenades. They are 14.25 inches long and 2.82 inches in diameter. Mark the area in accordance with the Airman's Manual, and contact the Explosive Ordnance Disposal team with the location at 460-0903.



Courtesy photo



## Commonly used phone numbers

ATOC .....	460-0038
BDOC .....	460-0960
Cantina .....	460-0811
CC Supt. Section ...	460-0099
CE Cust. Serv.....	460-0058
Chaplain .....	460-0129
Command Chief ....	460-0052
Command Post. ....	460-0077
COMM Help Desk ...	460-0000
Contracting .....	460-0860
Dining Facility.....	460-0605
EMEDS .....	460-0802
EOD .....	460-0903
Fire Department ....	460-0030
Finance .....	460-0866
First Sergeant.....	460-0016
Fitness Center .....	460-0271
Latvians .....	460-0065
Legal .....	460-0117
Lodging .....	460-0806
Logistics Plans .....	460-0194
OSI .....	460-0326
PERSCO .....	460-0625/0627
Public Affairs .....	460-0131
Protocol .....	460-0260
Safety .....	460-0090
Supply .....	460-0039

For a complete listing of agencies' telephone numbers, log onto <http://www.krab.aorcentaf.af.mil/Phonebooks.html>.

## What's Your Sign?

**Leo (July 23 - Aug. 22)** Close your eyes and repeat: there's no place like Iraq... there's no place like Iraq. Now click your boots together three times. Now open your eyes. You should see some nice people in white. They'll take care of you from now on.

**Virgo (Aug. 23 - Sept. 22)** What is Spam, anyway? And why is it in my e-mail? Shouldn't it be served with eggs?

**Libra (Sept. 22 - Oct. 22)** There's supposed to be a full moon this week. Things will happen. It might be a good time to play spades ... then again, maybe not.

**Scorpio (Oct. 23 - Nov. 21)** Just because you sign is a scorpion does not mean that you are actually one, so stop pinching your enemies.

**Sagittarius (Nov. 22 - Dec. 21)** Your lucky number is 12,567,453,530,980,498,795,453. Use it often.

**Capricorn (Dec. 22 - Jan. 20)** What happens when you add MRE jalapeno cheese to chili and macaroni? Really, what do you get? I missed the Iron Chef last week and that was the "recipe of the week."

**Aquarius (Jan. 21 - Feb. 18)** Just because it is low fat and has very little calories, doesn't mean that you can have eight bags of Twizzlers at one sitting. They have to go somewhere.

**Pisces (Feb. 19 - March 20)** Okay, so the early bird gets the worm. Who wakes the early bird up?

**Aries (March 21 - April 19)** Fashion tip of the week: stripes and dots are not your friend.

**Taurus (April 20 - May 20)** Your lucky number is 6. Use it judiciously.

**Gemini (May 21 - June 20)** Don't worry about the people whispering about you. Worry about the people who point and laugh at you.

**Cancer (June 21 - July 22)** There is only so much space in the tent. If something with more legs wants to occupy that space, let the creature have it and go for a walk. You'll be glad you did.

## Translations

He said the U.S. is a great country? *Hua kall amarica baladn azeem*

He is a bus driver in Dallas. *Enahusaaigbus fi dallas*

My name is Azad. *Ismi azad*

Azad is a Kurdish name. *Azad ism Kurdi.*

They have many big buildings. *Eadhum katheer min al- binayat aalia*

His brother lives in the United States. *Axuh yaeish be america*

He travels alot. *Enahu Yusafer kaheeran.*